

Positioning and Pre-Cursive

Twinkl Handwriting | Year 2 | Steps to Progression Overview

The aim of this overview is to show the most logical sequence for teaching each area of handwriting when using Twinkl Handwriting. However, Twinkl Handwriting is designed to be a pick 'n' mix style scheme. If you feel that your students need to concentrate on a specific letter family or a particular skill, you could tailor the programme to fit the requirements of your learners.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	The Ladder Family (l, i, u, t, y and j)						Assess and Review		The One-Armed Robot Family (n, m and h)			Themed Handwriting Practice
Spring	The One-Armed Robot Family (k, b, p and r)				Assess and Review		The Curly Caterpillar Family (c, a, d, e, s and g)					
Summer	The Curly Caterpillar Family (f, q and o)			Assess and Review		The Zigzag Monster Family (z, v, w and x)			Assess and Review		Themed Handwriting Practice	

Year 2 Assessment Statements

By the end of these lessons, most children should be able to:

- form lower case letters of the correct size relative to one another;
- start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined;
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

Introduction

Twinkl Handwriting's packs have been created to teach children the sets of letter 'families' in a progressive teaching sequence. Within each PowerPoint presentation, all lower case letters are shown using a printed, pre-cursive style (without lead-ins or lead-outs) with the aim of securing the correct basic letter formation and positioning for the entire alphabet before adjusting handwriting to a preferred style.

If you wish to adopt a cursive or continuous cursive style from year 2, a cursive (Twinkl unlooped) and continuous cursive (Twinkl looped) alternative version of all PDF worksheets is available within each download. The PowerPoint presentation is also fully editable if you would like to use the cursive or continuous cursive animated letter formation GIFs.

Resources

Within the following progression overview, you will find links to the cursive or continuous cursive lesson packs needed for each session. If you would prefer for your learners to have a handwriting booklet to work through, [click here](#). Letter formation and pencil control could also be practised by linking your handwriting sessions with phonics using our range of [Twinkl Handwriting phonics booklets](#). Alternatively, you could also combine handwriting practice with common exception word revision using our [Year 2 Common Exception Words Handwriting Activity Sheets](#).

Autumn Term Lesson Progression

Week	Content	Description	Useful Links
1	The Ladder Family: Lesson 1 The Letter 'l'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the letter name and the sound of the letter. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
2	The Ladder Family: Lesson 2 The Letter 'i'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show the animation of how to form the lower case letter. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
3	The Ladder Family: Lesson 3 The Letter 'u'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model and then ask children to complete the relevant Activity Sheet. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
4	The Ladder Family: Lesson 4 The Letter 't'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide further challenge with the relevant Extra Practice Activity Sheet. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
5	The Ladder Family: Lesson 5 The Letter 'y'		Cursive Continuous Cursive
6	The Ladder Family: Lesson 6 The Letter 'j'		Cursive Continuous Cursive
7	The Ladder Family: Assess and Review Lesson 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that children can correctly trace each letter within The Ladder Family. Ask children to independently form six letters from The Ladder Family on normal lines. 	
8	The Ladder Family: Assess and Review Lesson 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask children to copy a range of nonsense words onto handwriting lines. Ask children to copy three words onto handwriting lines using their neatest joined style. Challenge children to copy a longer word onto handwriting lines using their neatest joined style. 	Twinkl Handwriting: The Ladder Family: Year 2 Assess and Review Resource Pack

9	The One-Armed Robot Family Lesson 1: The Letter 'n'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the letter name and the sound of the letter. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
10	The One-Armed Robot Family Lesson 2: The Letter 'm'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show the animation of how to form the lower case letter. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
11	The One-Armed Robot Family Lesson 3: The Letter 'h'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model and then ask children to complete the relevant Activity Sheet. • Provide further challenge with the relevant Extra Practice Activity Sheet. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
12	Themed Handwriting Practice	Encourage children to practise their skills and to form lower case letters correctly by using one of our seasonal or themed Pencil Control & Letter Formation Activity Booklets.	Winter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twinkl font • Cursive • Continuous Cursive Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twinkl font • Cursive • Continuous Cursive

Spring Term Lesson Progression

Week	Content	Description	Useful Links
1	The One-Armed Robot Family Lesson 4: The Letter 'k'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the letter name and the sound of the letter. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
2	The One-Armed Robot Family Lesson 5: The Letter 'b'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show the animation of how to form the lower case letter. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
3	The One-Armed Robot Family Lesson 6: The Letter 'p'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model and then ask children to complete the relevant Activity Sheet. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
4	The One-Armed Robot Family Lesson 7: The Letter 'r'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide further challenge with the relevant Extra Practice Activity Sheet. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
5	The One-Armed Robot Family: Assess and Review Lesson 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that children can correctly trace each letter within The One-Armed Robot Family. Ask children to independently form six letters from The One-Armed Robot Family on normal lines. 	Twinkl Handwriting: The One-Armed Robot Family: Year 2 Assess and Review Resource Pack
6	The One-Armed Robot Family: Assess and Review Lesson 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask children to copy a range of nonsense words onto handwriting lines. Ask children to copy three words onto handwriting lines using their neatest joined style. Challenge children to copy a longer word onto handwriting lines using their neatest joined style. 	

7	The Curly Caterpillar Family Lesson 1: The Letter 'c'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the letter name and the sound of the letter. • Show the animation of how to form the lower case letter. • Model and then ask children to complete the relevant Activity Sheet. • Provide further challenge with the relevant Extra Practice Activity Sheet. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
8	The Curly Caterpillar Family Lesson 2: The Letter 'a'		Cursive Continuous Cursive
9	The Curly Caterpillar Family Lesson 3: The Letter 'd'		Cursive Continuous Cursive
10	The Curly Caterpillar Family Lesson 4: The Letter 'e'		Cursive Continuous Cursive
11	The Curly Caterpillar Family Lesson 5: The Letter 's'		Cursive Continuous Cursive
12	The Curly Caterpillar Family Lesson 6: The Letter 'g'		Cursive Continuous Cursive

Summer Term Lesson Progression

Week	Content	Description	Useful Links
1	The Curly Caterpillar Family Lesson 7: The Letter 'f'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the letter name and the sound of the letter. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
2	The Curly Caterpillar Family Lesson 8: The Letter 'q'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show the animation of how to form the lower case letter. Model and then ask children to complete the relevant Activity Sheet. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
3	The Curly Caterpillar Family Lesson 9: The Letter 'o'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide further challenge with the relevant Extra Practice Activity Sheet. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
4	The Curly Caterpillar Family: Assess and Review Lesson 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that children can correctly trace each letter within The Curly Caterpillar Family. Ask children to independently form three letters from The Curly Caterpillar Family on normal lines. 	Twinkl Handwriting: The Curly Caterpillar Family: Year 2 Assess and Review Resource Pack
5	The Curly Caterpillar Family: Assess and Review Lesson 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask children to copy a range of nonsense words onto handwriting lines. Ask children to copy three words onto handwriting lines using their neatest joined style. Challenge children to copy a longer word onto handwriting lines using their neatest joined style. 	

6	The Zigzag Monster Family Lesson 1: The Letter 'z'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the letter name and the sound of the letter. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
7	The Zigzag Monster Family Lesson 2: The Letter 'v'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show the animation of how to form the lower case letter. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
8	The Zigzag Monster Family Lesson 3: The Letter 'w'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model and then ask children to complete the relevant Activity Sheet. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
9	The Zigzag Monster Family Lesson 4: The Letter 'x'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide further challenge with the relevant Extra Practice Activity Sheet. 	Cursive Continuous Cursive
10	The Zigzag Monster Family: Assess and Review Lesson 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that children can correctly trace each letter within The Zigzag Monster Family. • Ask children to independently form six letters from The Zigzag Monster Family on normal lines. 	Twinkl Handwriting: The Zigzag Monster Family: Year 2 Assess and Review Resource Pack
11	The Zigzag Monster Family: Assess and Review Lesson 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask children to copy a range of nonsense words onto handwriting lines. • Ask children to copy three words onto handwriting lines using their neatest joined style. • Challenge children to copy a longer word onto handwriting lines using their neatest joined style. 	
12	Themed Handwriting Practice	Encourage children to practise their skills and to form lower case letters correctly by using one of our seasonal or themed Pencil Control & Letter Formation Activity Booklets.	Summer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twinkl font • Cursive • Continuous Cursive Growth Mindset/Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twinkl font • Cursive • Continuous Cursive